



Families that play together stay together.



***VISIT MISSOURI***

**STATE PARKS AND  
HISTORIC SHRINES**





## *Welcome to our State Parks*

Missouri invites you and your family to visit and enjoy with us the natural beauty of our great State from the Ozarks in the south, the green hills in the north, and the prairies to the west.

Much of this natural beauty is preserved in our thirty-six State Parks where you may loaf and linger again and again, either for a day or longer by camping or staying in one of the well-appointed cabins. Try eating good Missouri home-cooked food in one of the several dining lodges.

You may enjoy fishing in a clear, cool stream or in one of the large man-made lakes, horseback riding, swimming, boating, hiking, or just plain loafing.

There are six Memorial Shrines that preserve Missouri's historic past for your enjoyment and education.

The friendly people of Missouri will impress you with their hospitality, helping to make your visit a most rewarding experience.

Warren E. Hearnes  
*Governor of Missouri*



# ABOUT MISSOURI STATE PARKS

In the pages of this booklet you will discover a variety of State Parks where you can enjoy the type of relaxation and recreation most suited for your family vacation. There are thirty-six Missouri State Parks and six Historic Shrines from which to choose.

Many improvements are continually being made in the older parks while new ones are being developed. During the development every effort is made to preserve the rustic beauty in the hidden valleys and timbered areas that cannot be replaced by man, where park visitors may be alone to commune with nature and forget the worries of a troubled world.

The facilities found in Missouri's State Parks are varied. Eleven have modern sleeping and housekeeping cabins, ten have dining lodges, all have day use or picnicking grounds, and thirty-one have camping facilities. Six of the parks on large lakes provide all types of water sports. The best rainbow trout fishing in the Midwest will be found at Roaring River, Montauk and Bennett Spring.

You may be assured that the people of Missouri will greet you with a warm welcome, and a wish that your vacation will be one that you will always remember.

## FACTS PERTAINING TO MISSOURI'S STATE PARKS

Acreage in State Park System.....	75,939	Number of park visitors in 1966....	10,860,656
Number of maintained buildings.....	1,202	Number of people using overnight campgrounds in 1966.....	872,980
Acres of man-made lakes.....	1,024	The State Flower.....	Hawthorn
Miles of shore line on Lake of the Ozarks.....	89	The State Tree.....	Dogwood
Miles of major streams bordering or flowing through parks.....	44	The State Bird.....	Bluebird
Miles of maintained park roads....	165	Approximate blooming date for Redbud.....	April 15
Number of organized group camps	16	Approximate blooming date for Dogwood.....	April 25
Group camp capacity.....	2,325	Height of flaming fall review.....	October 15-25
Number of group camper days in the 1966 season.....	142,135		



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# LOCATIONS, FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN MISSOURI'S

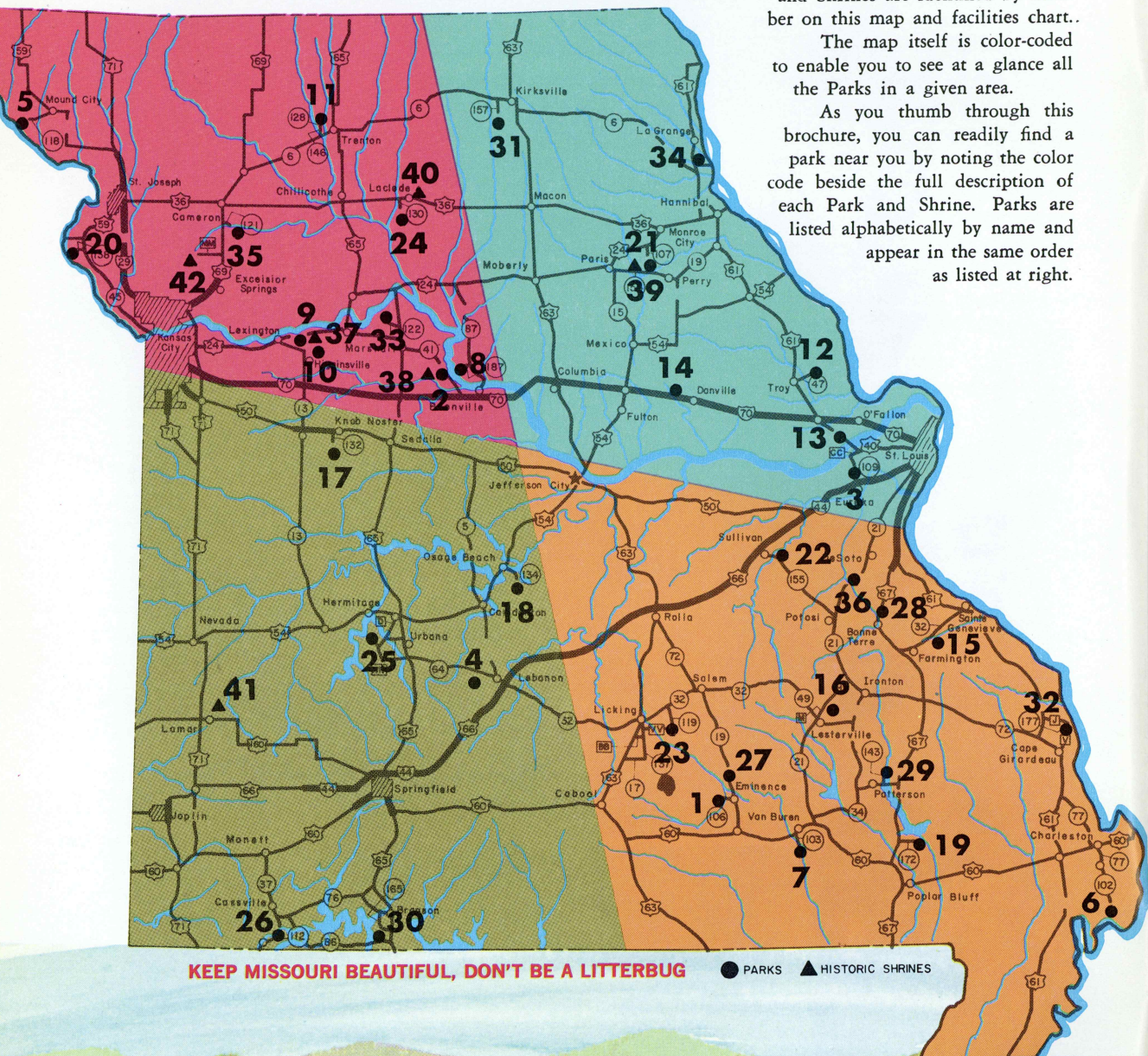
Directional Signs are posted in all State Parks indicating these various facilities and their locations.

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

For your convenience, Parks and Shrines are identified by number on this map and facilities chart.

The map itself is color-coded to enable you to see at a glance all the Parks in a given area.

As you thumb through this brochure, you can readily find a park near you by noting the color code beside the full description of each Park and Shrine. Parks are listed alphabetically by name and appear in the same order as listed at right.



*Enjoy yourself...take the family to one of Missouri's many parks this weekend...*



# STATE PARKS

NAME AND ADDRESS	Acreage	Streams	Springs	Trout Fishing	Fishing	Swimming	Swimming Pool	Boat Dock	Boating	Store	Cabins	Nature Trails	Dining Lodge	Saddle Horses	Group Camps	Lake	Tent or Trailer Camping	Electric Hookups	Trailer Dumping Station	Complete Travel Trailer Connections
1. ALLEY SPRING, Alley Spring, Mo.	418																			
2. ARROW ROCK, Arrow Rock, Mo.	38																			
3. DR. EDMUND A. BABLER MEMORIAL, Chesterfield, Mo.	2,400																			
4. BENNETT SPRING, Lebanon, Mo.	730																			
5. BIG LAKE, Bigelow, Mo.	111																			
6. BIG OAK TREE, East Prairie, Mo.	1,007																			
7. BIG SPRING, Van Buren, Mo.	5,836																			
8. BOONSLICK, Boonesboro, Mo.	17																			
9. CIVIL WAR BATTLE OF LEXINGTON, Lexington, Mo.	81																			
10. CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL, Higginsville, Mo.	95																			
11. CROWDER, Trenton, Mo.	640																			
12. CUIVRE RIVER, Troy, Mo.	5,914																			
13. FORT ZUMWALT, O'Fallon, Mo.	48																			
*14. GRAHAM CAVE, Montgomery City, Mo.	237																			
*15. HAWN RECREATION AREA, New Offenburg, Mo.	2,259																			
16. JOHNSON SHUT-INS, Middle Brook, Mo.	2,478																			
17. KNOB NOSTER, Knob Noster, Mo.	3,561																			
18. LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Kaiser, Mo.	16,335																			
19. LAKE WAPPAPELLO, Poplar Bluff, Mo.	1,854																			
20. LEWIS AND CLARK, Rushville, Mo.	61																			
21. MARK TWAIN, Stoutsville, Mo.	1,192																			
22. MERAMEC, Sullivan, Mo.	7,153																			
23. MONTAUK, Salem, Mo.	846																			
24. PERSHING, Laclede, Mo.	1,836																			
25. POMME DE TERRE, Pittsburg, Mo.	364																			
26. ROARING RIVER, Cassville, Mo.	2,999																			
27. ROUND SPRING, Round Spring, Mo.	75																			
*28. ST. FRANCOIS, Bonne Terre, Mo.	2,000																			
29. SAM A. BAKER, Patterson, Mo.	4,898																			
30. TABLE ROCK, Branson, Mo.	552																			
31. THOUSAND HILLS, Kirksville, Mo.	3,152																			
32. TRAIL OF TEARS, Cape Girardeau, Mo.	3,308																			
33. VAN METER, Miami, Mo.	727																			
34. WAKONDA, LaGrange, Mo.	257																			
35. WALLACE, Cameron, Mo.	301																			
36. WASHINGTON, DeSoto, Mo.	1,101																			
37. ANDERSON HOUSE, Lexington, Mo.																				
38. ARROW ROCK TAVERN, Arrow Rock, Mo.																				
39. MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE, Florida, Mo.																				
40. GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING BOYHOOD HOME MEMORIAL SHRINE, Laclede, Mo.																				
41. HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE, Lamar, Mo.																				
*42. WATKINS MILL, Lawson, Mo.	1,058																			

\*These parks are under development, but are open with limited facilities.

*'You are Always Welcome in Missouri's Scenic State Parks'*





The ole swimming hole on Jack's Fork River at Alley Spring

**1** **ALLEY SPRING STATE PARK** is located in Shannon County, 6 miles west of Eminence on State Highway 106. The outstanding feature in this park is the picturesque spring as it emerges as an underground stream from the base of a tree-covered cliff surging into a blue, clear pool. The spring branch races over the old mill dam and meanders through the 418-acre park to join Jack's Fork, world-famous as a smallmouth bass stream. The overnight campgrounds are located on both sides of the spring branch. Excellent swimming is provided in the clear, cool water of Jack's Fork. The old red mill, built in 1870, is a landmark in the community and stands on the bank of the spring pool. The grinding mechanism has been restored, and corn meal, ground by the old burrs, may be purchased by the public. Foot trails, for hiking and nature study, wind through the park, over the hills and along the stream. Wildlife will be found in abundance. A concession building, housing shower, laundry and modern rest room facilities, is available.

**2** **ARROW ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Saline County, 15 miles east of Marshall on State Highway 41. In this park you will see the old Arrow Rock Tavern; the old jail, the first built in the new West; the young ladies' Seminary, built in 1843; the home of George Caleb Bingham, the artist; and the old Santa Fe Spring. Picnicking and camping facilities, with tables, ovens and modern



A park drive in historic Arrow Rock State Park



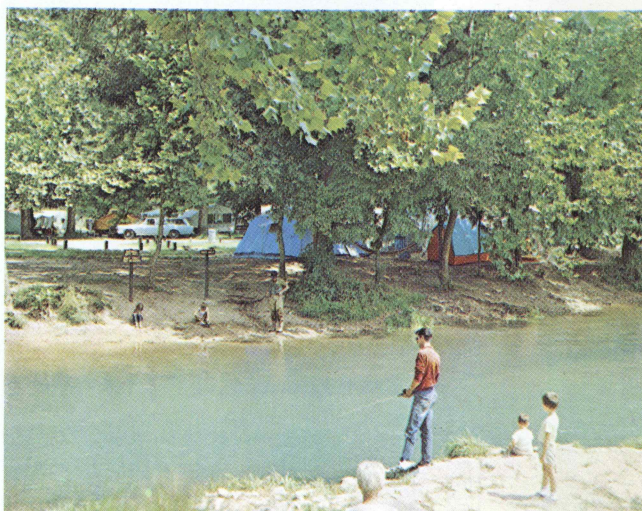
rest rooms with showers, are provided in this 38-acre park. Also, electric hookups are available for tent or trailer camping.

**DR. EDMUND A. BABLER MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located 20 miles west of St. Louis on State Highway 109 off St. Louis County CC. This 2,400-acre tract in St. Louis County was a gift to the State from Jacob L. Babler and Henry J. Babler of St. Louis as a memorial to their brother, Dr. Edmund A. Babler, a well-known Missouri physician and surgeon. It was laid out and developed under the supervision of many of America's best park and forestry authorities and is intended as a great playground for the St. Louis area. The operation of this park was assumed on January 1, 1966, by the Missouri State Park Board. The only facilities are for day use, and no overnight camping is allowed.

**BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK** is not only one of the oldest but is the most popular park in the system. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cold water from the sixth largest spring in Missouri, with an average daily flow of 71,000,000 gallons. As the spring branch wanders through the picturesque valley to the Niangua River, the clear, cool water furnishes excellent rainbow trout fishing. The stream is stocked daily from the well-operated hatchery within the park. Bennett



Dining lodge and lounge  
at Bennett Spring



Trout fishing in spring branch near  
campground at Bennett Spring

Spring State Park, consisting of 730 acres, is located in Laclede and Dallas Counties, 12 miles west of Lebanon on State Highway 64. The overnight campgrounds have been enlarged and two comfort stations, complete with showers, automatic clothes washers and dryers, are available. Also, a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal is provided. Other facilities available are: dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature museum and swimming pool. The daily sleeping cabin rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$8.00 for one double bed.



**BIG LAKE STATE PARK** is located in Holt County, 11 miles southwest of Mound City on State Highway 118. This park, consisting of 111 acres which adjoins a 625-acre oxbow lake, is popular among motorboat enthusiasts, canoeists, swimmers, fishermen, picnickers, and of late, iceboating. This partially timbered and level area contains a large picnic area, campgrounds with modern rest rooms and showers, store, air-conditioned dining lodge, swimming pool, boat dock and boats, and modern housekeeping cabins with the daily rate starting at \$6.50 for one double bed.

**BIG OAK TREE STATE PARK**, containing 1,007 acres, 80 acres of which are in virgin timber, is located in Mississippi County, 10 miles south of East Prairie on County A to State Highway 102. This



botanical garden contains a number of the largest living specimens of big trees in America according to the American Forestry Association, such as: Green and Pumpkin Ash; Shellbark Hickory; Possumhaw Holly; Bur or Mossycup and Mutabilis Oaks; and Swamp Poplar. A 22-acre lake has been constructed to provide fishing. Fishing boats, concession stand, picnic tables, ovens and a shelter are provided for the day visitors.

One of the giant oaks in Big Oak Tree

**BIG SPRING STATE PARK**, consisting of 5,836 acres, is located in Carter County, 4 miles south of Van Buren on State Highway 103. The outstanding feature of the park is the large volume of clear, cool water gushing from the base of a high limestone bluff. It is considered the largest single outlet spring in the United States with a maximum flow of 846,000,000 gallons daily. The facilities in the park are numerous for picnicking, tent and trailer camping, nature trails, nature museum and naturalist, boating, public boat launching ramp, fishing, modern cabins, store and dining lodge. This park is bordered on the east by the clear, swift-flowing waters of the famous Current River. The campers will find a comfort station with showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer; a new shelter; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal available for their convenience. This park also has a 2,400-by-200-foot turf landing strip. The daily sleeping cabin rates start at \$5.00 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$7.00 for one double bed.





Along the scenic Current River  
near Round Spring

Big Spring,  
the largest  
in the country



**BOONSLICK STATE PARK** is located on Howard County MM from State Highway 87, 10 miles northeast of Boonville. This state park in Howard County is being preserved as a historic site, one of the earliest centers of white men's activities in the interior of Missouri. Salt was made at Boonslick Spring as early as 1805 by Daniel M. Boone and Nathan Boone, the two sons of Daniel Boone. The salt was boated down the Missouri River to settlements and St. Louis. Facilities are available for picnicking and nature trails.

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Fall in beautiful Confederate  
Memorial State Park

**CIVIL WAR BATTLE OF LEXINGTON STATE PARK.** Here is the site of the Battle of Lexington, more popularly known as the "Battle of the Hemp Bales," fought in and around the City of Lexington on September 18, 19 and 20, 1861, between Major General Sterling Price of the Missouri State Guard and Colonel James A. Mulligan, Commander of Federal troops. The engagement ended in a victory for the South. Over a hundred years' weather has not erased the outlines of the trenches. Neither has the plow turned this sod. The park is located in Lexington from U. S. Highway 24 in Lafayette County. The historic Anderson House is in this park.

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**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL STATE PARK** is located in Lafayette County, 1 mile north of Higginsville on State Highways 20 and 13. The memorial park area of the Old Confederate Soldiers' Home, consisting of 95 acres, is now maintained as a state park. The entire area, which will be preserved along with the cemetery, monuments and other commemorative items, is beautifully landscaped. Picnic tables and ovens are provided for the day users.

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**CROWDER STATE PARK** is located in Grundy County, 2 miles west of Trenton on State Highway 6 and north on State Highway 146 to State Highway 128, and is in memorial to General Enoch H. Crowder. This park, consisting of 640 acres of very rugged terrain nestled in the green hills of northern Missouri, is outstanding. A man-made 20-acre lake provides swimming, fishing and boating. Picnicking and overnight camping are popular throughout the season as is the enclosed shelter. Camp Grand River, the organized group camp which has a capacity of 120, is one of the best liked and most modern of the sixteen in the state park system. The overnight campground now has modern rest rooms with showers. Also, electric hookups are available for tent or trailer camping.



Group campers at the waterfront at Crowder

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Group campers use this modern pool at Camp Derricotte.

**CUIVRE RIVER STATE PARK** is located in Lincoln County, 5 miles east of Troy on State Highway 47. This heavily wooded park of 5,914 acres is interlaced with over 15 miles of foot trails providing excellent hiking and nature study. Big Sugar and Little Sugar Creeks wind through the area to find their way to Cuivre River, which is the western border of the park. It is rich in Indian lore—thirty-nine campsites, villages and mounds have been located within the boundaries. The park contains four organized group camps, Sherwood Forest, Derricotte, Cuivre and Frenchmans Bluff, which are heavily used by public non-profit organizations. The public use area is equipped for picnicking and overnight camping.





All state parks are wildlife refuges.



All state parks have playground equipment for the children.

**FORT ZUMWALT STATE PARK**, containing 48 acres, is located in St. Charles County, 1 mile west of O'Fallon on State Highway 175 from Interstate Highway 70. The remains of the oldest hewn timber cabin north of the Missouri River may be seen here. It is also the site of a fort built in 1798 by Jacob Zumwalt. The U. S. Daughters of 1812 erected a monument at the entrance of the park to commemorate the scene of the first battle of the War of 1812 in Missouri. Overnight camping and picnicking facilities are available. An enclosed shelter is now available by reservations only. This park is closed at 10 p.m. daily. Electric hookups are available for tent or trailer camping.

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**GRAHAM CAVE STATE PARK** is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles west of Danville on County TT from Interstate 70. The selection of the name of this park was due to the presence of a large sandstone cave named for an early settler, Robert Graham. The preliminary excavations conducted by the Missouri Archaeological Society and the University of Missouri were completed in 1954. Indian occupation of the cave has been placed at 7850 B.C., plus or minus 500, or approximately 10,000 years. This new park is now open to the public with limited facilities. Modern rest rooms with showers will be in the overnight campground.

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**HAWN RECREATION AREA** is located in Ste. Genevieve County, equal distance between Ste. Genevieve and Farmington, on a county road from State Highway 32. The area is administered jointly by the State Park Board and the Conservation Commission. A portion of the park is open for hunting. Although it is still under development, limited facilities for picnicking and camping are available. Roads are being constructed and nature trails were developed by a group of Neighborhood Youth Corps boys. This 2,259-acre park is noted for its beautiful stand of pine trees and wild azaleas. Spring-fed Pickle Creek runs through the park and will border one side of the campground.

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**JOHNSON SHUT-INS STATE PARK** is located in the northeast corner of Reynolds County, 8 miles north of Lesterville on County M. The spectacular feature in this very rugged country is the picturesque shut-ins of the east fork of the Black River. Over eons of time the stream formed a canyon-like defile by cutting a gap through a shelf of the oldest exposed rock in Missouri. This 2,478-acre park will be left in its wilderness state with only facilities provided for picnicking, overnight camping, nature trails and swimming. Modern rest rooms with showers are now available in the overnight camping area.



Mother Nature  
created the  
beautiful shut-ins.

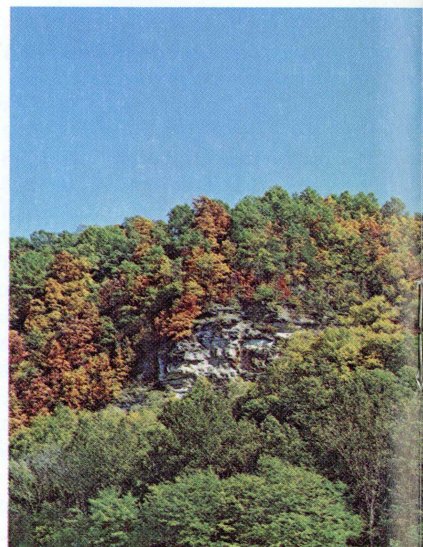


Swimming in the cool water of the  
Black River at Johnson Shut-ins



Fall colors and high  
limestone bluffs are found  
throughout Missouri.

**KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK** is located in Johnson County at Knob Noster on U. S. Highway 50. This 3,561-acre tract is heavily wooded, and has many miles of nature trails built for those who enjoy hiking and nature study. The area abounds with deer and other wildlife. The two organized group camps, Shawnee and Bob White, are used by non-profit organizations during the camping season from April 15 to October 15. Several lakes have been built to provide swimming and fishing. Other facilities are: picnic tables, ovens, shelters and overnight campgrounds. The campgrounds have new modern rest rooms with showers, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping, and a dumping station for travel trailers.





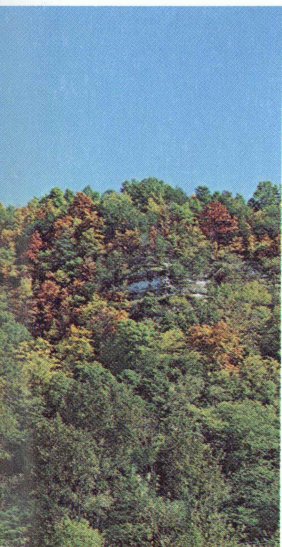
**LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK**, located in Camden and Miller Counties near Osage Beach, is the largest in the Missouri State Park system, containing 16,335 acres. It has 89 miles of shore line and about 4,000 acres of water. The park includes most of the Grand Glaize Arm of the lake. Two public swimming and boat launching areas are provided. Public Beach No. 1 is located at the end of State Highway 134, and Public Beach No. 2 is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from U. S. Highway 54, 2 miles south of the Grand Glaize Bridge. Other available facilities in the park are abundant, such as: boating; fishing; picnicking; tent and trailer camping; showers; modern rest rooms; coin-operated, automatic laundry equipment; horseback riding; nature trails; and the six organized group camps, Rising Sun, Clover Point, Hawthorn, Pin Oak, Red Bud and Pa He Tsi. More modern rest rooms with showers and a trailer dumping station have been constructed in the overnight camping area.



Beach No. 2 at  
Lake of the Ozarks



The boat launching ramp at Beach No. 1  
at Lake of the Ozarks is well used.



**LAKE WAPPAPELLO STATE PARK** consists of 1,854 acres of an area known as the Allison Peninsula on Lake Wappapello. The area is located in Wayne County approximately 12 miles north of Poplar Bluff on U. S. Highway 67 and 9 miles east on State Highway 172. The U. S. Corps of Engineers licensed this land to the Missouri State Park Board for the establishment of a state park. The lake provides excellent crappie, black bass and jack salmon fishing. Facilities available, other than fishing, are: swimming, boating and overnight tent and trailer camping. A floating boat dock is near the public use area and has available rental boats, motors and supplies. The modern comfort station has hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer.



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**LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK**, consisting of 61 acres, is 20 miles southwest of St. Joseph on State Highway 45. This park is located in Buchanan County on the southeast shore of Sugar Lake, which covers approximately 400 acres. Picnic facilities for day use and overnight campgrounds are available for visitors to the park. A large pan and game fish hatchery is located in the park, from which many northern Missouri streams and lakes are stocked. The campgrounds now have a new modern rest room and shower building and electric hookups for tent or trailer camping.

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**MARK TWAIN STATE PARK** is located in Monroe County, almost equal distance from Paris, Perry and Monroe City, on State Highway 107, and is a memorial to Mark Twain. This park consists of 1,192 acres of rough and tumble terrain. On the bluff overlooking the Salt River is hallowed ground, for here was born Samuel L. Clemens who brought literary fame to Missouri. There are overnight camping grounds, picnicking, an enclosed shelter on Buzzard's Roost, Camp Clemens for organized group camping, and a number of nature trails wind their way through the park. Four housekeeping vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities. The daily rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed. The day use and overnight camping areas now have modern rest room and shower facilities.



East Fork of the  
Salt River in Mark Twain

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**MERAMEC STATE PARK**, consisting of 7,153 acres is located 4 miles east of Sullivan on State Highway 155 in Franklin County. This park is the state's second largest and is one of the most scenic, with the Meramec River cutting through rough, timbered hills; some 20 caves, headed by the big Fisher's Cave, and a dozen or more small springs. Fisher's Cave is the first large cave discovered west of the Mississippi. The park



One of the very popular campgrounds  
—the walnut grove in Meramec

The Meramec River is enjoyed  
by the whole family.





is a game refuge, and deer may be seen frequently. Facilities are provided for fishing, swimming and boating on the Meramec River, a dining lodge, nature trails, cabins, picnicking, overnight camping grounds, complete trailer connections and a trailer dumping station. Three new modern comfort stations have been constructed providing hot and cold showers and coin-operated laundry equipment for the convenience of the overnight campers. The nature museum, with new displays, is under the supervision of and serves as the headquarters for the park naturalist during the summer months. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed to \$14.00 for three double beds.

Trout fishing  
in the Current River  
at Montauk



Camping near the spring  
branch at Montauk



**MONTAUK STATE PARK**, consisting of 846 acres, is located 21 miles southwest of Salem on State Highway 119 in Dent County. The clear, cold waters of Montauk Spring, flowing 40,000,000 gallons daily, emerge from the floor of a broad open valley enclosed by timbered slopes to form the headwaters of the Current River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring and the stream is kept well stocked with trout. An old grist mill, with all machinery intact, still stands on the bank of the river. In addition to fishing, this park is an ideal spot for nature study. A new overnight campground with modern rest room facilities, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment is now available, as are electric hookups for tent or trailer camping and a trailer dumping station. The picnic area has been enlarged and modern rest rooms constructed. The daily sleeping cabin rates in this park start at \$6.00 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$8.00 for one double bed.



**PERSHING STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,836 acres, is located 2 miles west of Laclede on U. S. Highway 36 in the woodland and prairie area of Linn County. This park is a memorial to General John J. Pershing, Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. The General's boyhood home in Laclede has been acquired by the State Park Board for preservation. The statue of the "War Angel" in the park was dedicated to all mothers of America in 1940 by the American War Mothers of Missouri. Excellent picnicking facilities with tables and ovens, overnight camping and nature trails are provided. Camp Blue Bird is available to non-profit organizations for group camping. The campground now has modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated washer and dryer. A dumping station for travel trailers is now available.



Pershing State Park has one of the many small man-made lakes.

**POMME DE TERRE STATE PARK** is located in Hickory County, 4 miles north of Pittsburg on State Highway 64. The 364 acres in this new park lie between the Pomme de Terre River and the Lindley Creek Arms of the lake. This new reservoir has 7,800 acres of water and over 100 miles of shore line. Available facilities consist of a modern boat dock with rental boats, outboard motors for fishing or skiing, boat launching ramp, restaurant, swimming, camping and picnicking accommodations. Modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated, automatic washer and dryer have been added to this new park. Also, a dumping station for travel trailers is available.



Missouri is noted for the wild flowers in the spring.



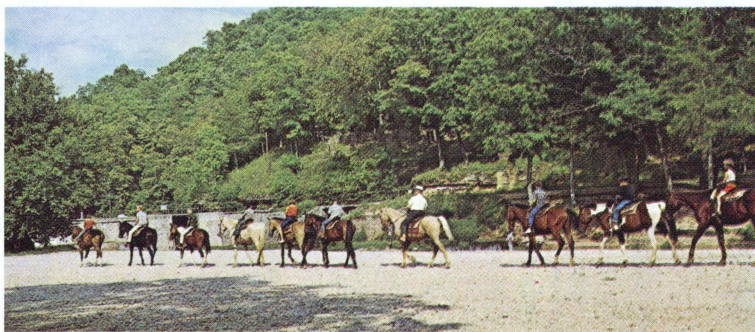
Swimming beach in the new Pomme de Terre State Park





Bass Lake and  
the Ozarks in  
Roaring River

**ROARING RIVER STATE PARK**, consisting of 2,999 acres, is located in Barry County, 7 miles south of Cassville on State Highway 112 in the most beautiful part of the Ozarks, and except for the river valley, is rugged, mountainous and well timbered. The huge spring, which is the beginning of Roaring River, gushes 28,000,000 gallons of clear, cold water daily into the channel of Roaring River. A large trout hatchery is located near the spring, and the river is well stocked with trout at all times. The overnight campgrounds have been enlarged and available are new comfort stations with shower and laundry facilities, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping, and a trailer dumping station. Camp Smokey is available to non-profit organizations for group camping. Other facilities available are: hotel, dining lodge, cabins, store, picnic grounds, nature trails, swimming pool and riding stable. The daily hotel rates are \$5.50 and \$6.50. The sleeping cabin rates start at \$7.00 for one double bed. The housekeeping cabin rates start at \$8.50 for one double bed.



Trail riders  
in Roaring River



Many canoe trips on the Current River  
start at Round Spring.

**ROUND SPRING STATE PARK**, consisting of 75 acres, is located in Shannon County, 12 miles north of Eminence on State Highway 19. The chief attraction of the park is the well-like spring after which it is named. Its average flow is 26,500,000 gallons daily, and it is the only spring in Missouri that has formed its own natural bridge. The spring is without sign of current, and it is usually clear or milky blue in color. Water from the spring emerges in a spring branch, which speeds picturesquely under a footbridge, through a grove to the Current River about 1,000



feet away. This park is an idyllic spot for campers and picnickers. Facilities available are: fishing, swimming, boating, nature trails, store, overnight campgrounds, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, and playground equipment for the youngsters. The concession building houses modern rest rooms, showers and coin-operated laundry equipment.

**28** **ST. FRANCOIS STATE PARK** is located on U. S. Highway 67 in St. Francois County and comprises approximately 2,000 acres, all of which was given to the State of Missouri by the people of St. Francois County. The park is generally rugged and thickly wooded. It has great potential for development into a state park. Coonville Creek, a small spring-fed stream, roughly parallels the western boundary, and Big River bounds the park on the south. Although it is still under development, the park is open for limited day use and overnight camping.

**29** **SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK**, consisting of 4,898 acres, is located 3 miles north of Patterson on State Highway 143 in Wayne County, the birthplace of Sam A. Baker, former Governor of Missouri. On your first visit to the park, you will be struck by the beauty of nature's own landscaping from the summit of beautiful Mudlick Mountain, the bluffs and shut-ins along Big Creek and the swift, clear waters of the St. Francis River. Wildlife will be found in abundance in the park, and may be seen from numerous nature trails in the area. This park has become a popular family vacation spot, and the park's facilities have been designed for family accommodations. Available facilities are: swimming, a well-equipped kiddies' playground, cabins, dining lodge, nature trails, picnicking, store, overnight campgrounds with modern rest rooms and showers, electric hookups for tent or trailer camping and a trailer dumping station. The coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer are located in the cabin area. The daily sleeping cabin rates start at \$5.00 for one double bed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates start at \$6.50 for one double bed.



The shut-ins on  
Big Creek in  
Sam A. Baker

**30** **TABLE ROCK STATE PARK** is located in Stone and Taney Counties, 5 miles west of Branson from State Highway 76 on State Highway 165. This area, consisting of 552 acres on Table Rock Reservoir, is licensed from the U. S. Corps of Engineers. It is situated in the heart of the Shepherd of the Hills country near inspiration point where Harold Bell Wright camped to write his famous novel about the Hills' people. Facilities available are: two boat docks (one for fishing and the other for recreation); a large concrete boat launching ramp, swimming; picnicking; an overnight campground complete with modern comfort stations, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal.



Boating on Table Rock Lake





Bass fishing on Forest Lake  
in Thousand Hills

One of the well-appointed  
cabins in Thousand Hills



**THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK**, consisting of 3,152 acres, is located 4 miles west of Kirksville from State Highway 6 in Adair County. This park is located in the beautiful green hills of northern Missouri and has for its principal feature the large man-made 703-acre lake. It has a 17-mile shore line and provides such water sports as motor boating (outboards only—20 h.p. maximum), water skiing, surfboards, paddleboats, rowboats, swimming and fishing. The lake is stocked with crappie, bluegill, channel cat, black bass and jack salmon. The facilities available are: enclosed shelter, bathhouse and bathing beach, a well-supplied boathouse, boat dock, launching ramp for boats, picnic grounds with tables and ovens, open shelters and playground equipment for the youngsters. The large overnight campground is equipped with modern rest rooms, hot and cold showers and coin-operated, automatic clothes washer and dryer. A travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal is now available. Also, a trailer dumping station has been built. Another modern rest room building with showers has been constructed for the campground, and modern rest rooms are now available in the picnic area. Five new modern vacation cabins have been added to the park's facilities. The daily sleeping cabin rates are \$9.50 for two double beds. The daily housekeeping cabin rates are \$11.50 for two double beds.

**TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK** is located in Cape Girardeau County, 10 miles north of Cape Girardeau on County V, on the limestone bluffs overlooking the mighty Mississippi. This park, consisting of 3,308 acres, was a gift to the State of Missouri by the residents of Cape Girardeau County, the first by any political subdivision. The park contains a portion of the route known as "The Trail of Tears" used by the Cherokee Indians in their forced march from Tennessee to Oklahoma. Among the many who died was Princess Otaiki, whose grave is now marked with a memorial monument. A dense and healthy stand of trees cover the area, which contains many fine specimens of American beech, tulip, winged elm, Spanish oak and dogwood. Facilities available are: picnicking; nature trails; an overnight campground complete with modern comfort station, hot and cold showers, automatic clothes washer and dryer; and a travel trailer park with connections for water, electricity and disposal. Also, there is now a dumping station for travel trailers. Modern rest rooms have been provided for the picnic area.



**VAN METER STATE PARK**, consisting of 727 acres, is located in Saline County, 12 miles northwest of Marshall on State Highway 122 from State Highway 41. This park

offers excellent facilities for picnicking and camping, and a playground for kiddies is conveniently located in the main picnic area. The park is made distinctive by a thick growth of walnut trees and other flora. Indian remains date from early man cultures (10,000 B.C.) to the Historic Missouri Indian. Archaic Indian cultures are in evidence up to Early Wodland cultures. The Middle Wodland culture (Hopewell) built the "Old Fort," the only known earthworks of this kind west of the Mississippi. The Missouri Indians, after whom the State is named, lived in the area from early 1600 into the historic era and was at one time the most concentrated Indian occupation in the United States. The site is being used for the Missouri University's "Summer Field Session in Archaeological Research."



A student digging ancient Indian artifacts in Van Meter

**WAKONDA STATE PARK**, located 3 miles south of LaGrange on U. S. Highway 61 in Lewis County, consists of 257 acres of land, 75 acres of which are in lakes. These lakes are well stocked with black bass, channel cat and bluegill. Swimming, camping and picnicking facilities are available in this new park. Modern rest rooms with showers are now available in the overnight campground, and modern rest rooms are in the picnic area.



This lake furnishes swimming and fishing in Wakonda.

**WALLACE STATE PARK**, consisting of 301 acres, is located 6 miles south of Cameron on State Highway 121 in Clinton County. This park is an excellent example of how a regional recreation area can well serve a community. The enclosed shelter, as well as open shelters, is very popular and is almost in constant use. This well-kept area also furnishes ideal picnicking facilities, excellent equipped playgrounds for the youngsters, fishing in a small lake, overnight camping, an area set aside for boy and girl scouts' overnights, and nature trails have been laid out through the rough parts of the park for hikers and nature students. For overnight campers, new modern rest rooms with showers and coin-operated washer and dryer have been added.

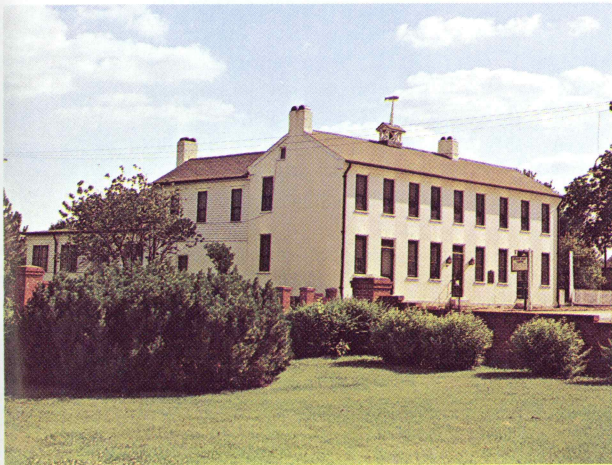


**WASHINGTON STATE PARK**, consisting of 1,101 acres, is located 12 miles southwest of DeSoto on State Highway 21 in Washington County. Although it is not one of the state's larger parks, it is favored by many for its secluded setting, its excellent picnicking and camping sites, and its fine fishing and swimming in Big River. In addition, this park contains a concentration of hundreds of petroglyphs (prehistoric carvings in stone). Thunderbirds and other symbolic figures are interpreted for the public. A kiddies' playground and a parking lot are in front of the dining lodge. A baseball diamond and the picnic area are to the east along the river. To the west, foot trails lead along the river to a cave and to the bluffs overlooking the river. Also, there are cabins, shelter houses, overnight campgrounds and a nature museum provided. In the new camping area, a modern rest room building with showers has been constructed. The daily housekeeping cabin rates are \$6.50 for one double bed and \$10.00 for two double beds.

## HISTORIC SHRINES AND MEMORIALS

**THE ANDERSON HOUSE**, which is in the Civil War Battle of Lexington State Park, overlooks the battlefield and was used as a field hospital during and after the battle. The limestone foundation, the slave-made bricks and the walnut wood interior are wonderfully preserved. Bullets and cannon balls left their mark on both inside and outside walls of the house. The Anderson House is being restored and beautifully furnished with authentic period originals. It is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25¢—Over 12, 50¢.

**ARROW ROCK TAVERN** was built about 1830 by Judge Joseph Huston, and is furnished with antique furniture of the period which the old tavern represents. Excellent meals are served in the newly remodeled and air-conditioned dining room, and is listed as one of the better places in the Midwest to eat. Arrow Rock Tavern is located in Arrow Rock State Park. The tavern is maintained by the Missouri State Park Board and operated by the Missouri Society of the D. A. R. The tavern is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's and Christmas Days. The hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25¢—Over 12, 50¢.



Antiques and famed food are found in Arrow Rock's 1830 Tavern.



**MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE** is located in Mark Twain State Park. The shrine, of modern design and built of steel, concrete and native Missouri stone, with large glass gables to allow a bit of Twain's beloved outdoors to penetrate the rooms and cast their glow over the small two-room frame cottage in which he was born November 30, 1835, contains not only the home in which he was born, but a modern museum displaying many of his personal belongings. Exhibits interpret his life, his experiences and his literary works. Missouri's native son, Mark Twain, became the world's best loved author and humorist, cheering and comforting a tired world. This shrine is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25¢—Over 12, 50¢.

**GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING BOYHOOD HOME MEMORIAL SHRINE** is located in Laclede, 1 mile north of U. S. Highway 36 on State Highway 5. The house, of Rural Gothic architecture, was built in 1858 and is one of the very few of this design west of the Mississippi. The restored house is decorated and furnished in the period 1860-1880. Most of the furniture is handcrafted of walnut. One room of the 11-room structure houses a museum interpreting the life of "Black Jack," General of the Armies John J. Pershing. This shrine is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m. The charges are: Age 6-12, 25¢—Over 12, 50¢.



The General John J. Pershing  
Boyhood Home Memorial Shrine

**HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE**, located in Lamar, has been completely restored and redecorated. Furnishings of the period when Mr. Truman was born have been acquired. The United Automobile Workers, who purchased the property and donated it to the State for the creation of a shrine, have erected a monument on the southeast corner of the property bearing the inscription, "I ask only to be force for good for my God and my people," as a tribute to the 32nd President of the United States. This shrine is open to the public daily, except Mondays, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Sunday hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day, are from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and Labor Day to Memorial Day, 12 noon to 5 p.m. This shrine is open to the general public free.

**WATKINS MILL STATE PARK** is located in Clay County, 6½ miles north of Excelsior Springs on U. S. Highway 69 and 1½ miles east on County MM. The primary attraction in this park is the 1860 woolen mill constructed and equipped by Waltus L. Watkins. The mill operation was closed down in the 1880's, but most of the furnishings remain in place. The Watkins home and cemetery, which help to complete the early Missouri plantation, are also included in the park. A large parking lot has been developed and a foot trail leads to the old mill, which is the only portion of this park open to the public.





# Missouri State Parks Offer You MORE

... Unbounded beauties of nature ... Cool, lush valleys ... Stream-side campgrounds for relaxing, fishing and living outdoors ... Picturesque picnic spots ... Clean, modern cabins with all conveniences and dining lodges amid rustic, unspoiled beauty ... Canyon-like rock formations, river bluffs and shut-ins ... Quiet, emerald-green forests ... These are but a few of the perfect settings in Missouri—one to match your every mood.

... Historic homes ... Forts and battlegrounds ... Virgin forests and green, timbered hillsides ... Quaint old mills ... Antiques and artifacts of history-rich Missouri ... Mark Twain country ... Exciting Indian lore ... The homes, furnishings and mementos of General John J. Pershing, President Harry S. Truman and Mark Twain ... All on view for you in marvelous Missouri.

## MISSOURI STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

**CAMPING** is permitted in most State Parks, but only in the place assigned by the superintendent, with a limit of 15 consecutive days. Demand a receipt for all camping fee payments. Any of the following groups is considered to be a "camp unit" and must register and pay the required fee of \$1.00 per camping unit per day.

- (a) A single tent occupying one unit site.
- (b) Two connected tents occupying only one unit site and used by only ONE family.
- (c) A single trailer equipped to be lived or slept in.
- (d) A single car, truck, bus or other vehicle used for living or sleeping quarters.
- (e) A sleeping bag, hammock or similar device used for sleeping with no other shelter.

The campground check-out time is 3:00 p.m.

In a few parks there are modern trailer hookups, and at those facilities the fee will be \$1.50 per trailer per day. This fee is applicable in Bennett Spring, Big Spring, Meramec, Table Rock, Thousand Hills and Trail of Tears State Parks. At other parks where electric service connections are available, an additional fee of 25¢ per day will be charged for this service.

**FIREWOOD** in all state parks will be sold at the rate of 25¢ per bundle. Wood lot hours are posted in each park.

**DOGS, CATS, STOCK, POULTRY**, or any other domestic animals are not permitted to range within the park at any time. Pets are permitted only when on leash, said leash not to be more than ten (10) feet in length.

**FIRECRACKERS OR FIREWORKS** are absolutely prohibited at all times.

**FIRES** may be built only in the ovens, stoves or rings provided by the State Park Board, and must be extinguished before leaving the area. No camp fires will be permitted in the overnight camp areas after 10:00 p.m. Fires may be prohibited entirely by the posting of special signs.

**HORSES** are permitted only in designated areas and are not permitted in the camping area, picnic area, or other public use areas. Horses are to have a rider on them or the horse is to be tied in a designated area.

**HUNTING AND FISHING.** No person shall pursue, catch, kill, or take any wildlife in any manner, or in any quantity or at any time or place, except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Missouri Conservation Commission. The possession of a firearm shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this regulation.

**SWIMMING** is permitted only in designated places and only at swimmer's risk. Swimming is also restricted to hours between sunrise and sunset.

**SPEED LIMIT** not in excess of 20 miles per hour, for any vehicle.

**MOTORCYCLES.** No motorcycles, motorbikes, or any other two or three wheeled, motor-powered vehicles shall be permitted in park areas in which signs are posted prohibiting their use. The Director shall, in his discretion, determine those park areas, if any, in which such vehicles are to be permitted.

These regulations are intended to protect the rights and interests of all park patrons, and should be observed in the spirit of consideration for others.

Any person violating any rule or regulation adopted by the State Park Board or any law while within the confines of any State Park shall be subject to prosecution under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Adopted this 9th day of December, 1966, pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 253, Missouri Revised Statutes, 1959.

### MISSOURI STATE PARK BOARD

Dining lodges and cabins in Bennett Spring, Montauk and Roaring River State Parks open March 1 and close October 31. The opening date for cabins in other parks is April 15 and closing date is October 31.

One day's deposit is required for all cabin reservations, which must be made by contacting the Concessionaire in the park of your choice. When occupying cabins for one week, the seventh day is free. All quoted prices apply to the 1967 season.

The sleeping cabins are equipped with towels and linens. The housekeeping cabins are furnished with towels, linens, cooking utensils and tableware.

**(RESERVATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR TENT OR TRAILER CAMPING. THE CAMPGROUNDS ARE OPEN THE YEAR ROUND, BUT WATER AND RELATED SANITARY FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER 31 TO APRIL 15.)**





Picnicking facilities are provided in all state parks.

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**MISSOURI State Parks and Historic Shrines!**